State	No. of Ex-Servicemen Provided re-employment
Ke	
Punjab	1,834
M.P.	171
U.P.	3,374
Bihar	83
Rajasthan	1,008

Setting up of New Defence Production Unit

7259. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the RIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a new major defence production unit during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the place identified for the location of that unit;

(c) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of some of the existing defence production units; and

(d) if so, the funds earmarked therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Other than completing the ordnance factory at Bolangir there is no proposal to set up any new defence production units;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In view of adequuate production facilities already available, there is no proposal for expansion of the existing production units, but to cater to demands for new productions some investment of balancing nature may have to be made.

Low production of leather items in Ordance Equipment Factory

7260. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ordnance Equipment Factory under the Ordnance Factories Board has been reducing its activities pertaining to leather tanning, saddlery manufacturing and boot plants during the past few years despite the rising trend of requirements of such items by defence forces;

(b) whether Government have enquired into the reasons for bringing down the rate of production in the factory in respect of the above items;

(c) whether as a result the defence forces are unable to secure quality oriented goods and have to depend on private supplies;

(d) whether Government would direct the factory to increase its production rate in leather and related items keeping in view the supplies for boots to Air Force Depot in Avadi by some private parties and consequent losses; and

(e) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) No, Sir. In fact, in 1993-94 and 1994-95 the production of boots has been 4 lakhs and 4.35 lakhs respectively against the installed capacity of 4 lakhs. In 1995-96, it is planned to manufacture 4.75 lakhs. However, manufacture of a specific type of boot, Oxford Black (54,000 pairs), demanded by the Air Force could not be undertaken, as the necessary infrastructure is not available in the factory. Production of saddlery items has been reduced as per the declining requirements of the army.

Ballistic Missile Programme

7261. PROF. VIJAY KAMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned their ballistic missile programme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when the next missile is taking off the ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme, sanctioned by the Government in 1983, envisages development of four Missiles namely PRITHVI, THRISHUL, AKASH and NAG and re-entry technology demonstrator AGNI. Phase of user trials of PRITHVI have been completed. Subsequent activities are being progressed. With three test flights of the technology demonstrator, AGNI project has been succefully completed. The other missiles are in advanced stage of development.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Defence cooperation with Vietnam

7262. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Vietnam, a defence pact was also signed to ensure defence cooperation between India and Vietnamese defence organisation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) During the visit of the Prime Minister to Vietnam in September, 1994, an agreement pertaining to defence cooperation was signed with Vietnam. The agreement, which envisages the promotion of bilateral defence relations between the two countries, is in line with Government's policy of establishing and enhancing cooperation in the defence sector, with various friendly countries, including Vietnam. This policy is translated into a measured implementation of various steps involving interaction between two sides.

Scud Missiles with Pakistan

7263. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the 'Pioneer' of October 5, 1994, captioned "Pak may have hundreds of scud missiles" quoting the Director of the Institute of Defence Studies, New Delhi, to the effect that hundreds of scud missiles from the Afgan war surpluses have had their way into Pakistan, making a mockery of the concern expressed by Missile Technology Control Regime; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) and (b) Government is aware of the news-item published in the Pioneer of 5.10.1994. However, there is no authentic information with the Government to suggest that scud missiles left by the Russians in Afghanistan have found their way into Pakistan. It is reported that Pakistan has evinced interest in scud missiles from some foreign sources.

Unprovoked Firing by Pakistani troops

7264. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistani troops are resorting to unprovoked firing through heavy artillery and rockets on Indian troops on the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during the last one year with details of losses suffered by Indian troops; and